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WHO YOU VIBIN'?

Another installment of RedEye's "Who You Vbin'?" online dating contest has come to a close, and the winner is ... Lauren Watson!

We put her dater profile along with two other single ladies on RedEye's blog and asked readers to vote on whom they're vibin' the most. Their vote was for Watson, who is seeking a laid-back guy who is hard-working and funny. (Wouldn't hurt if he also enjoys lazy Sundays, she says.)

If you're interested in getting in touch with Watson, hit up the e-mail listed below. Whether she responds is up to her, of course. Sign up for the fun—and check out the bachelors featured this week—at redeyechicago.com/vibin.

Job: Makeup and skincare consultant

The song that best describes my dating life: "You Just Haven't Earned it Yet, Baby," The Smiths

This celebrity would make my list: James Franco

The best under-the-radar

Chicago spot: The Bad Apple in Lincoln Square ... incredible beer selection and amazing burgers!

The most embarrassing thing

I'm willing to admit here: I cried when Wilson floated away.



CALLING ALL SINGLES!

RedEye is looking for fresh faces to feature in our weekly dating contest. Check out other dater profiles and submit your own at redeyechicago.com/vibin.

Name: Lauren Watson **Age:** 24 **Neighborhood:** Albany Park **E-mail:** lolo.lushh@yahoo.com

To nourish

The Jamba Juice \$1 Oatmeal promotion ends Wednesday, so head to any location for a cheap and healthy breakfast.

To give back

Get complimentary appetizers and a round of drinks during a benefit for Bear Necessities Pediatric Center Foundation from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday at Lumen (839 W. Fulton Market). Admission is \$10 at the door. RSVP to rsvp@stimulussocialclub.com.

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Mullen: Gay troops should serve openly

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON The nation's top uniformed officer said Tuesday that he supports allowing gays to serve openly in the military, providing a powerful voice of support for President Obama's call to lift the legal ban on their service.

Launching a formal process to change the longstanding policy, the Pentagon also announced a review that will examine the effects of a policy change along with alterations in military benefits, rules and facilities might be needed to allow gays to serve openly in the armed forces.

The review could take up to a year and will fuel concerns among advocates for gay service members that any change will be slow in coming about.

Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in an appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee that the military still needs to conduct a review to determine how to prepare for a dramatic policy change. Nonetheless, he said his personal views were firm.

"Speaking for myself and myself only, it is my personal belief that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would be the right thing to do," Mullen said.

Mullen's views are particularly important in the debate. It was one of his predecessors in the post of Joint Chiefs chairman, Gen. Colin Powell, who played a major role in the 1990s in derailing then-President Bill Clinton's failed bid to allow gays to serve openly in the military.

In 1993, Powell called the "don't ask, don't tell" policy a "healthy compromise." But in December 2008, Powell said the ban on gays serving openly should be reviewed.

At Tuesday's Senate hearing, Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced that



Defense Secretary Robert Gates (left) and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen arrive Tuesday on Capitol Hill to testify at a hearing about the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. AP PHOTO

NATIONAL ATTITUDES

A lot has changed since the "don't ask, don't tell" policy was instituted 17 years ago. AP

- » President Obama last year signed hate crimes legislation.
- » Massachusetts, Iowa, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Vermont permit marriage of gay couples, with the District of Columbia soon to follow.
- » A handful of other states grant rights to

gay domestic partners.

- » The gay-rights group Human Rights Campaign says polls show about 75 percent of Americans say it's OK for gays to serve openly in the military, compared with 44 percent in 1993.
- » The U.S. Census tabulates information about gay couples who live together.
- » There are three openly gay members of Congress.

a high-level working group of military and Pentagon officials would develop a plan on how to best implement a change in policy.

Gates did not take any immediate action to change how the current law is enforced, although he said he intended to make some changes in the next 45 days.



Still Obama's girl? Well, kind of ...

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Obama Girl has lost that loving feeling for the nation's commander in chief.

Amber Lee Ettinger, the 28-year-old Hazleton, Pa., native whose portrayal of Obama Girl in a series of online videos went viral during the 2008 election and catapulted her to sudden fame, says she's no longer politically infatuated with the president.

"I'm not turning my back completely on him," Ettinger said. "People might be saying that, but I gave him B-minus. When I got a B-minus in school I was pretty happy."

Ettinger, who has her own line of jewelry and now lives in Jersey City, N.J., gave a status update on her "relationship" with the president in media interviews this week, including with the New York Post and conservative Fox News talk show host Sean Hannity.

Admittedly, the bikini-clad Obama Girl was only a character, but Ettinger said when she came up with the idea for the videos with Ben Relles, creator of barelypolitical.com, she really was a big fan of now President Obama, who was still early in his race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ettinger's Obama Girl character once said of the Democratic presidential candidate, "I never wanted anybody more than I want you."

But now?

Besides feeling like Obama hasn't made as much progress addressing the nation's troubled economy and other issues as she had hoped he would by now, part of the reason for her cooling off is personal.

She said she's never heard from Obama, even a note of acknowledgment.

"I thought he was great and inspiring, and it caught on for us to keep on doing more videos," she said. "It was fun, and I liked him and I voted for him. Now, he's in office, 60 to 100 videos later—I've lost count—and I was hoping he would have reached out to me."

DROWNING OUR SORROWS

Americans were drinking a bit more—and slightly cheaper—liquor last year, according to data released Tuesday by the industry's main trade group. A look at the growth rate for select hooch. MCT



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Shame on CBS for flagging gay ads

The best part of the Super Bowl is the ads. The game is usually long and boring and features two teams most people don't give a lick about, but the commercials are always great. This year a couple of ads already are stealing the spotlight from Sunday's game.

CBS has banned two commercials that were set to air during the Super Bowl, citing "offensive content" as the reason for rejection. Both ads were aimed at a target demographic: the gay community. CBS, however, has approved a pro-life ad by the notoriously anti-gay evangelical group Focus On The Family.

One of the banned commercials is for a gay dating site called ManCrunch. The ad features two men watching the big game and when their hands touch as they both reach for a potato chip, they look longingly at each other and embrace wildly. The actors never actually seem to lock lips; they just flail around on the couch. Still CBS rejected it. CNBC reported that CBS said the ad "is not within the network's broadcast standards for Super Bowl Sunday." Hot women writhing around in bikinis are perfectly acceptable, however.

CBS did approve a 2007 Super Bowl ad for Snickers that showed two men accidentally kissing and then violently beating each other and drinking anti-freeze to rid themselves of any gayness — essentially saying it's better to be dead than be considered gay. That meets broadcast standards?

Maybe the CBS brass thinks the gay community doesn't watch the Super Bowl. Wrong. Many of my gay and lesbian friends are very into the Super Bowl, and several gay bars in Chicago (and presumably across the country) will be showing the game Sunday. If the Super Bowl is America's game, shouldn't it include all of America?

CBS noted that its policy is to deny political ads, yet it has no problem approving an anti-abortion commercial from Focus on the Family featuring Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Tim Tebow and his mother. Not only is it political, but it also is religious, which CBS previously stated was against its policy when, in 2004, it rejected a Super Bowl ad by The United Church of Christ that stated it welcomed gay and lesbian Christians.

CBS also banned an ad this year called "Lola" by **godaddy.com**. In it, an effeminate, retired NFL player uses **godaddy.com** to help start his women's lingerie business. Godaddy's chief marketing officer, Barb Rechterman, told DailyFinance that "CBS gave us some language that basically said, 'This ad has the potential to offend viewers.'" Could it have been the lingerie the models were wearing in the ad? Doubtful. Perhaps it's the portrayal of a flamboyant black man during a macho sporting event that rubbed CBS the wrong way.

The ads, of course, are getting plenty of attention by being rejected, and there is a lot of debate about this issue, bringing the gay community into the spotlight.

That's a good thing. Hopefully, we soon will see gay-themed commercials during the Super Bowl. I still won't enjoy the game, but at least I'll feel included. **JASON STEELE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



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★ PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Nail-biter in race for governor

Chicago Tribune

The races for governor went down to the wire Tuesday night with razor-thin margins separating Gov. Pat Quinn from Comptroller Dan Hynes on the Democratic side and state Sens. Kirk Dillard and Bill Brady among Republicans.

The closeness of the contests, accentuated by a low voter turnout, meant no one declared victory in either contest and trailing candidates pondered seeking an expensive and lengthy recount.

With 98 percent of the state's precincts reporting, Quinn and Hynes each had 50 percent, separated by less than 5,000 votes in a bitter Democratic contest.

On the Republican side, Brady had 21 percent to 20 percent for Dillard, less than 2,000 votes apart. Former state Republican chairman Andy McKenna had 19 percent, with 98 percent counted.

Regardless of who wins the nominations for the November election, the splits within the Democratic and Republican results reveal the potential weaknesses each party nominee will face heading into the general election campaign.

PRIMARY TURNOUT LOW

City officials estimated that the total turnout would be 26 percent. In the Cook County suburbs, elections officials predict the total turnout will be less than 25 percent. Dan White, who heads the Illinois State Board of Elections, said the statewide turnout would be under 25 percent. **TRIBUNE**



Toni Preckwinkle, Democratic candidate for Cook County Board president, greets supporters Tuesday in Chicago.

TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Preckwinkle defeats Stroger

Chicago Tribune

A South Side political empire that produced the first two African-American presidents of the Cook County Board was toppled Tuesday by a no-nonsense, history teacher-turned-alderman, whose promise to reform county government captured an electorate tired of taxes and patronage.

Ald. Toni Preckwinkle captured the Democratic nomination for board president by a 2-1 ratio over her nearest rival in a low-turnout primary election that still produced a decisive referendum on the controversial tenure of President Todd Stroger.



Stroger

Chosen by Democratic leaders four years ago to replace his ailing father, John, in the general election, Stroger found himself under near-constant fire for his combative style, a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax increase and his decisions to hire friends and relatives.

"The message is clear," Preckwinkle told

her cheering supporters shortly after 9 p.m. "Now is the time to repeal the Stroger sales tax. Now is the time to end patronage."

Preckwinkle, who is African-American, stands to become the first woman elected County Board president. She faces Republican Roger Keats and Green Party candidate Tom Iresser in the Nov. 2 general election, which a Democrat has won for the last four decades.

Preckwinkle said her victory "belonged to the people of Cook County, people who have demanded reform and accountability from their government."

Battle for Senate seat heats up

Chicago Tribune

Front-runners from the start, Democrat Alexi Giannoulias and Republican Mark Kirk scored solid primary victories Tuesday night, setting up a battle with national implications for the U.S. Senate seat whose last elected occupant was Barack Obama.

Giannoulias, a one-term state treasurer, became the Democratic nominee by holding off David Hoffman, a former Chicago

City Hall corruption watchdog, and Cheryle Jackson, head of the Chicago Urban League, as well as questions about his family's struggling bank and problems with the state college-savings program his office managed.

Kirk, a five-term North Shore congressman who spent a decade building a reputation as a moderate, easily secured the GOP nomination by defeating a field of fellow Republicans who lacked any significant

government or political experience but criticized him for shifting away from some moderate positions to win conservative votes.

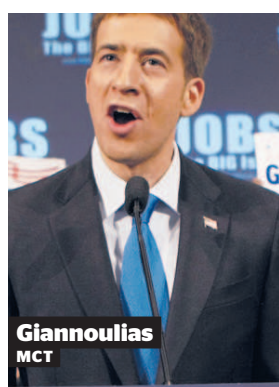
With 97 percent of the precincts reporting, Giannoulias had 39 percent of the vote to 34 percent for Hoffman and 19.5 percent for Jackson.

Kirk led the GOP primary with 56 percent, compared to 19 percent for Hinsdale businessman Patrick Hughes and single digits for four other candidates.

The two victors will face Green Party candidate LeAlan M. Jones in November.



Kirk
AP



Giannoulias
MCT

Lane Bryant victims mourned 2 years after shootings

Relatives and friends returned Tuesday to a now-empty storefront in Tinley Park to remember the lives of five women massacred at a Lane Bryant store Feb. 2, 2008.

Leonard Parish, gathering with family members, recalled his niece Rhoda McFarland as “an angel.” “She was as sweet as could be,” Parish said. “If she could help anybody, she’d go out of her way.”

McFarland, a Joliet resident, was a manager at the store. She had come in on her day off in place of another manager who had called in sick.

McFarland, Carrie A. Chiuso of Frankfort; Jennifer L. Bishop of South Bend, Ind.; Sarah T. Szafranski of Oak Forest; and Connie R. Woolfolk of Flossmoor were fatally shot during an apparent robbery attempt inside the store. A sixth woman also was shot but survived.

On Tuesday, eight bouquets hanging from the handles of the store’s double doors were the only indication anything significant had happened at the now-barren storefront at the shopping center near Interstate 80 and Harlem Avenue.

The Parish family—Leonard, Kenneth, Jennette, Twanette and Michele—arrived as those mourning Chiuso were departing.

Leonard Parish said McFarland had accomplished “everything she wanted to accomplish.” She finished high school, enlisted in the military and remained in the reserves, found gainful employment and purchased her own home.

With those issues out of the way, she had turned her attention to “working for the Lord,” he said.

Kenneth Parish, also McFarland’s uncle, said the family had no complaints about the investigation, which is ongoing.

Sister testifies in Peterson hearing

Drew Peterson’s ex-wife, Kathleen Savio, was so afraid of Peterson she kept changing the locks on her doors. And she was so certain it wouldn’t do any good she pleaded with her sister to care for her two sons after her death.

That’s the testimony of Savio’s sister, Anna Doman, during a pretrial hearing Tuesday.

Doman says six weeks before Savio was found dead in her bathtub in 2004, she went to Doman’s house.

Doman says Savio told her Peterson said he’d kill her. And Doman quoted Savio as saying, “You have to promise me to take care of my boys.”

Peterson has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in Savio’s death. Her death was ruled a homicide only after Peterson’s fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, disappeared in 2007. He hasn’t been charged in her disappearance.



Jerry Picket kneels Tuesday at the scene of the accident that killed Aldo Moldonado, Orlando Rodriguez and 13-month-old Joshua Molina Jr. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE PHOTO**

Speeding car kills toddler, 2 others

A motorist involved in a hit-and-run collision Monday night on Chicago’s Northwest Side sped off and moments later slammed into another vehicle, killing a toddler and two others, police said.

Amy Alanis, the child’s mother, survived the wreck and said she barely saw the speeding Toyota Camry—its lights off—before it barreled into the car she occupied as it turned left at Cicero and Parker avenues.

“He just came at us,” she said through tears from her hospital bed Tuesday morning; she later was released. “It was coming too fast.”

Killed in the crash were her 13-month-old son, Joshua Molina Jr., and family friends Aldo Maldonado, 21, and Orlando Rodriguez, 20, all

of Chicago. Alanis’ boyfriend, Joshua Molina, who was behind the wheel, was not seriously hurt.

The driver of the Camry—a 55-year-old Skokie man—was being questioned by police Tuesday but only had been ticketed for negligent driving for the fatal wreck as well as for leaving the scene of an accident and driving too fast for conditions for the first collision.

Police said authorities were awaiting the results of toxicology tests on the driver.

The driver, who is not being identified because he has not been criminally charged, was on his way to pick up his girlfriend from her job, a relative said.

2 teenagers shot on South Side

An 18-year-old man was killed and a 16-year-old boy was hospitalized after being shot Tuesday on the South Side, police said. The two were involved in a verbal altercation with another person on the 8300 block of South Hermitage Avenue when the shooting occurred at 12:54 p.m., Chicago police said. Eric Stevens, of the 7900 block of South Hermitage Avenue, was pronounced dead at 1:30 p.m. at Advocate Christ Medical Center, officials said. No condition was available for the 16-year-old.

17-year-old gunned down

A 17-year-old boy shot and killed in West Humboldt Park may have been chased down by his killers, Chicago police say. Killed was Ramone Washington, of the 700 block of South Karlov Avenue, according to the Cook County medical examiner’s office. A neighbor called police to report screaming followed by shooting near the 1100 block of North Keystone Avenue just after 1:40 p.m. Monday, police said. Authorities found Washington’s body in the 1100 block of North Karlov Avenue.

Garbage truck may have crushed man

A homeless man found dead in a Loop alley Tuesday morning apparently was run over by a garbage truck, according to police and the man who found him.

The body of the man, possibly in his late 50s or early 60s, was found in an alley near 1 South State St., behind the former Carson Pirie Scott department store. Belmont Area detectives were investigating. Police said they were conducting a death investigation, although there were signs of blunt trauma on the body.

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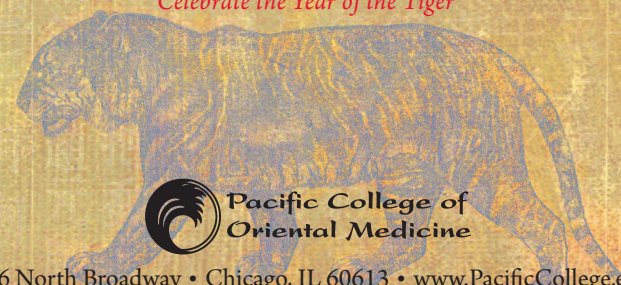
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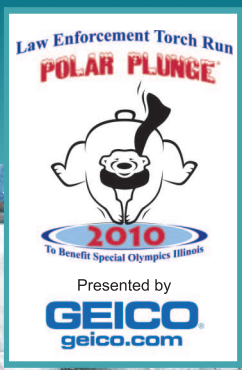


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Source: Jackson's doctor to face manslaughter charge

7 **LOS ANGELES** Prosecutors plan to charge Michael Jackson's doctor with manslaughter rather than take the case to a grand jury, a law enforcement official said Tuesday.

Prosecutors will file a criminal complaint against Dr. Conrad Murray, who practices in Houston, instead of taking the case before a grand jury, which is done in private, the official said.

The person is not authorized to speak publicly about the case and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The complaint would be the prelude to a public hearing in which a judge would weigh testimony from witnesses to decide if there is probable cause

to try him on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

Jackson died June 25 from an anesthetic overdose. Murray maintains nothing he gave Jackson should have killed him.

Murray arrived in L.A. last weekend in anticipation of a charging decision from the district attorney's office, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

There is no official word on when an announcement about any charges might come.

Murray has denied any criminal wrongdoing. "We continue to maintain that Dr. Murray neither prescribed nor administered anything that should have killed Michael Jackson," said Miranda Sevcik, a spokeswoman for Murray.

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—MIRANDA SEVCIK,
SPOKESWOMAN FOR DR. CONRAD
MURRAY, WHO AWAITS OFFICIAL
WORD ON WHETHER HE WILL BE
CHARGED IN JACKSON'S DEATH



Empire State of mind

1 It took Thomas Dold 10 minutes and 16 seconds Tuesday to earn his record-tying fifth consecutive win in the Empire State Building Run-Up, a punishing 86-flight scamper to the top of New York's tallest building. **AP PHOTO**

No jail time in glue assault

2 Four women were sentenced to a year of probation Tuesday in Chilton, Wis., after reaching plea deals in a revenge plot in which a cheating lover's penis was glued to his stomach.

Terror suspect cooperating

3 A federal law enforcement official says the Christmas Day terrorism suspect accused of trying to use a bomb hidden in his underwear has been cooperating with investigators since last week.

Pilot error in Buffalo crash

4 The head of a federal safety panel said Tuesday the pilots of a regional airliner that crashed near Buffalo, N.Y., nearly a year ago made critical errors showing "complacency and confusion that resulted in catastrophe."

'Gothic kitten' trial

5 A northeastern Pennsylvania woman is heading to trial on animal cruelty charges for marketing "gothic kittens" with ear and neck piercings over the Internet.

Iran proposes prisoner swap

6 Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday proposed a swap of Iranians in U.S. prisons for three American hikers being held in Tehran.

THE DIGIT

6 weeks

The groundhog has spoken. And it's bad news. Punxsutawney Phil emerged Tuesday to see his shadow before chilly revelers in Pennsylvania, meaning winter will last another six weeks.



Teacher charged in classroom fight

8 **NEW YORK** A teacher at a New York City public school has been charged with turning his fourth-grade classroom into a fighting ring.

Joseph Gullotta told two of his students, ages 9 and 10, to settle an argument with a classroom fight, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown's office announced Tuesday.

One of the students suffered a cut lip, and the other sustained a bruised and swollen head during the Jan. 28 incident, prosecutors said.

After the boys began fighting, prosecutors said, Gullotta told a third student to close the classroom door. Gullotta then instructed the other students to back up to give the boys room to fight, prosecutors said.

Gullotta, 29, of Long Island, has been reassigned outside of the classroom, said Margie Feinberg, a Department of Education spokeswoman.



Everybody freeze!

9 A bundled-up woman walks past about 100 snowmen Tuesday in central Moscow. The snowmen are part of an annual installation built in a different part of the city each year.

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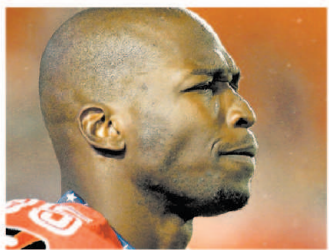
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AthTweets

Chad Ochocinco's (above) Ochocinco New Network (@ocnnfeed) is covering the Super Bowl in Miami? Let's see what NFL players-turned-reporters Chris Cooley (@thecooleyzone), Darnell Dockett (@ddockett), Ray Rice (@RayRice27) and Ocho himself (@OGOchoCinco) were up to on media day.

@OGOchoCinco

Please mainstream media don't be mad at me for doing the job you guys have failed to do correctly, giving the fans what they really want.

@ddockett

Someone locked the beer up! Good thing I don't drink beer but the @thecooleyzone is pissed.

@thecooleyzone

Media day over. Pain in the ass asking everyone [bleep], awesome experience though.

@thecooleyzone

Big interview with Dallas Clark. Anyone got any funny inside questions besides the mustache.

@RayRice27

The colts told me if they win they will share the ring with me for hitting me so hard during the game.

@thecooleyzone

OCNN getting kicked out of Calder Casino parking lot. The rendezvous point is changed. Find us at the stadium, Chad.



Split decisions

Drew Brees, Peyton Manning divide allegiances in West Lafayette, New Orleans

Associated Press

If the Indianapolis Colts beat the Saints in the Super Bowl, many fans in New Orleans will celebrate hometown hero Peyton Manning's second championship.

And if the Saints win, parts of northwest Indiana might resemble Bourbon Street.

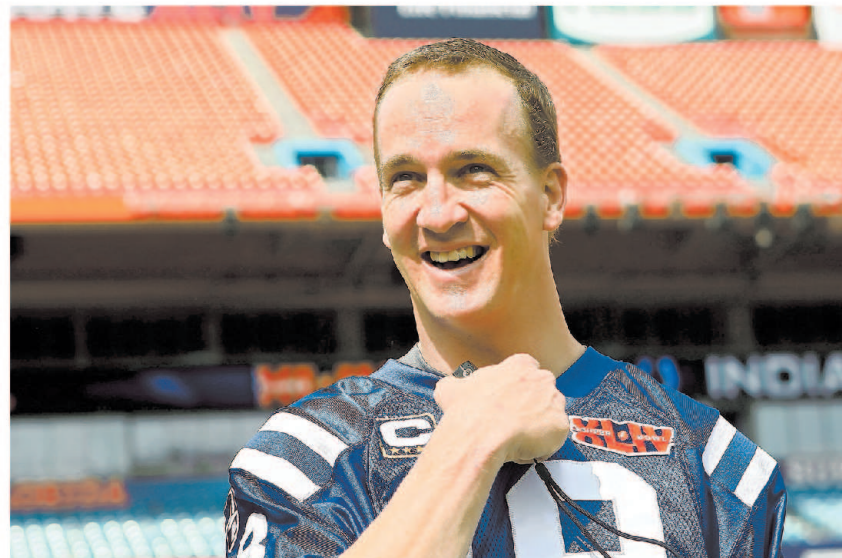
Most of Indiana is expected to wear Colts blue on Super Bowl Sunday, but loyalties are split near the Purdue campus in West Lafayette, 65 miles from downtown Indianapolis and 120 miles from Chicago. Saints quarterback Drew Brees remains an icon in the area since he led the Boilermakers' revival a decade ago.

"Around here, Drew Brees kind of walks on water," said Kevin Green, a Purdue graduate who works at the university. "He was the quarterback who led us back to the Rose Bowl [in 2001], so he can do no wrong in the area. We know that he cares about here and we care about him. That's why most of the people around here are kind of conflicted."

Brees doesn't just talk. He gave Purdue a \$2 million gift in 2007 for the Drew and Brittany Brees Student-Athlete Academic Center, right next to Ross-Ade Stadium and Mackey Arena.

"He's just been a great ambassador for Purdue University," Matt Painter, Purdue men's basketball coach, said. "We can't thank him enough for what he's done for our athletic department. Very rarely do you have a guy that gives that much."

Believe it or not, there's a similar conflict among some Saints fans in New Orleans



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, who attended high school in New Orleans, fields questions at Super Bowl media day Tuesday.

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because of Manning's ties to the city. The son of former Saints quarterback Archie Manning played at Isidore Newman High School in New Orleans, as did his brothers, Cooper and Eli. All three wore number 18, the only retired number at the school.

"The Manning family is the heartbeat of our program," Newman coach Nelson Stewart said. "They continue to be involved in our school, and as phenomenal as they are as football players, they're even better people."

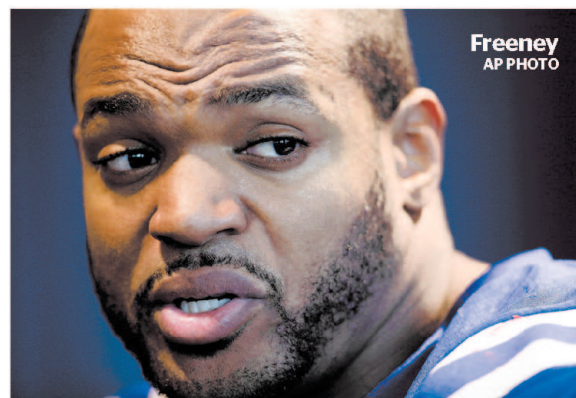
Stewart said he's "a divided soul." He wants New Orleans to win because the city went through so much after Hurricane Katrina and

the team has struggled for so long. He's also pulling for Manning, his high school teammate for three years.

"As his former teammate, there's never been a game I cheered against him, and I'm not going to start now," Stewart said. "But it would be fantastic for the city of New Orleans to win a Super Bowl."

Steve Schaffner, a Purdue graduate student who attended the 2001 Rose Bowl, said he'll be happy no matter what happens.

"I've watched Super Bowls where I've said I wish they both could lose," he said. "This one, I wish both could win."



Freeney AP PHOTO

Freeney in limbo

Dwight Freeney knew something was wrong as soon as he felt the searing pain near the end of the Colts' AFC championship game win over the Jets. What he didn't know was how much his chances of playing in Super Bowl XLIV were jeopardized by his severely sprained right ankle.

Especially after seeing the ankle swell up to what he called "softball-sized."

"The swelling was huge," said Freeney,

who spoke publicly Tuesday for the first time since getting hurt. "Now it's golf ball-sized."

It's still too early for Freeney to tell whether he'll be available to play Sunday. He hasn't practiced since suffering the injury, and there's a decent chance he won't do any work for the remainder of the week.

"It'll come down to Friday, Saturday or Sunday," he said. **NEWSDAY**

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Drew Brees guided Purdue to the Rose Bowl in 2000.
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Foot notes

The drama around standout Indianapolis defensive end Dwight Freeney's ankle (left) was the hot topic at Super Bowl media day. Freeney sprained his right ankle

in the AFC championship game, and his availability for Sunday's game is in jeopardy. The saga brings to mind other famous feet (injury) fetishes. **AP PHOTO**



Liu Xiang

The Chinese hurdler had the hopes of a nation on his shoulders in summer 2008, when

Beijing hosted the Olympics. Xiang had won China's only gold in track and field in 2004, so when he had to withdraw just before his 110-meter event with an injured Achilles tendon, it crushed the Chinese. Fans and security guards wept openly as he hobbled off.



Curt Schilling

While helping Boston end a World Series drought of 86 years, Schilling

famously pitched through an ankle injury that became the story of the 2004 postseason. He pitched the Red Sox to a win over the N.Y. Yankees in Game 6 of the AL Championship Series with blood seeping through his sock. He repeated the feat in the World Series against St. Louis.

AP FILE PHOTO

David Beckham



The \$250 million man endured weeks of criticism while sitting out with an ankle injury after signing

his monstrous MLS contract with the L.A. Galaxy. He missed almost a month of the season before making his first league start.



Terrell Owens

The superstar Philadelphia wide receiver suffered a severely sprained

ankle and a fractured fibula in December 2004 after a horse-collar tackle by Dallas' Roy Williams. He practiced sparingly leading up to the Super Bowl and wasn't cleared to play until days before the title game. Still, he was the team's best player, with nine catches for 122 yards in Philly's loss.



Luol Deng

The young Bulls forward missed 33 games last season with left Achilles tendinitis

and a stress fracture in his right tibia. Some critics said he was soft, prompting him to play through the pain of a thumb injury this season.

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Horse sour

You might remember Annoying Colts Fan from around the time the Bears faced Indy in the Super Bowl. Like the Colts, he's back. redeyechicago.com/5on5.



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1 What might we learn from Super Bowl media day?	Sound bites. Especially from NFL players.	What time the game starts.	Considering every story resulting from Media Day is fluffier than cotton candy? Not much.	That is should never be held indoors.	When moved inside out of the rain, Super Bowl media day actually smells like a circus.
2 How annoying on your own meter has the "Who Dat" chant become already?	Give me four quarters and I'll tell you.	Somewhere between "Who Let the Dogs Out?" and The Who.	Somewhere between the Rally Monkey and Brett Favre retirement discussions.	About as annoying as the Kardashians.	High. Will they keep asking who I am after I punch them in the mouth?
3 If it rains during the Super Bowl it could be good for both teams. In Florida rain, nobody knows how to drive.	... the Colts can use Peyton Manning's forehead as an umbrella.	... Pete Townsend might want to hold off on destroying his guitar during the halftime show.	... take the Colts.	... it's because the Saints fans are crying.
4 How will the Hawks show how happy they'll be to be playing on home ice again?	They'll show us their hits.	They'll shave their chest hair.	By rebounding from their latest loss with a big W.	Versteeg, Kane and Madden all will score.	I'm going to go with pantless. They will play the game pantless.
5 Why is Danica Patrick going to guest star in a "CSI: NY" episode?	Because viewers won't believe who done it.	Someone has to make dinner.	She'll play a mastermind criminal who deftly avoids paying all of her speeding tickets.	Why was Nick Swisher on "How I Met Your Mother"?	Because they wanted a female race-car driver, but Kyle Petty wasn't available.

Lower Back Pain?

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Northwestern University is seeking volunteers who have lower back pain in order to determine where the pain is recognized in the brain. Participants will also be evaluated to determine why pain goes away for some people while it remains for others. This is a 12 month study consisting of 1 visit at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and 5 MRI scans at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Olson Pavilion. All visits will take place in downtown Chicago.

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Michigan's DeShawn Sims has his shot blocked by Drew Crawford. **AP**

NORTHWESTERN 67, MICHIGAN 52
'Cats, Crawford cruise

Northwestern has no room for slip-ups. The Wildcats knew that Tuesday night when they started the second half of their Big Ten season with the ultimate goal of securing the school's first NCAA tournament bid.

Freshman Drew Crawford and sophomore John Shurna led a 21-4 second-half run as Northwestern pulled away and routed Michigan 67-52.

"We had to win this game, and we did," Northwestern coach Bill Carmody said. "That's the way we should play."

Crawford had 17 points—11 in the second half—and Shurna 15 for Northwestern in a balanced attack.

Northwestern improved to 15-7 overall and 4-6 in the Big Ten.

TUESDAY'S OTHER RESULTS

- » W. Illinois 53, N. Carolina Central 50
- » Bradley 67, Drake 65
- » Southeast Missouri St. 68, SIU-Edwardsville 49

WEDNESDAY'S GAME

- » DePaul at Marquette, 6 p.m. ESPN2



Bulls forward Luol Deng (left) and guard Derrick Rose watch the closing moments of the team's loss to the L.A. Clippers from the bench Tuesday at the United Center. **NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE PHOTO**

L.A. CLIPPERS 90, BULLS 82

Bulls' streak clipped

The Bulls' five-game win streak is history, as are the good vibes their superb road trip created.

Playing at the United Center for the first time in 18 days, the Bulls played a clunker and lost to the Clippers 90-82 on Tuesday night.

The Bulls shot 38 percent with 20 turnovers.

Luol Deng's 18 points led the Bulls, although Deng scored only two points after the first quarter.

Eric Gordon led the Clippers with 24 points. Chris Kaman added 21 points and 11 rebounds.

Back home after finishing a long road trip, the Bulls shot 38 percent and committed 20 turnovers in losing to the last club to beat them—the struggling Clippers.

The Bulls fell back to .500 at 23-23. They have lost eight of their last 11 to the Clippers at the United Center.

Kaman, one of only three NBA players averaging 20 points and nine rebounds, missed the previous two games with a sprained ankle—and L.A. never held a

Rose relieved

Last February, Derrick Rose punctuated his dominant victory in the Skills Challenge at All-Star weekend with a nifty double-pump reverse dunk.

Look for any possible encores to be fundamental, not fabulous.

"I'm worn out now," Rose said, laughing. "I'm just going to get layups."

Rose was joking, but he was seriously happy the NBA took his Rookie Challenge appearance off his plate Tuesday. The Tribune reported Rose wouldn't play in the game last week.

"If I would've had to do that, it would've been a lot on me," the second-year guard admitted.

lead in either lopsided defeat.

The Clippers had been 1-5 since beating the Bulls on Jan. 20—including losses to woeful New Jersey and Minnesota teams.



watch dog

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Here's a way to slow down a Manning: Ron Turner's interested in the N.Y. Giants quarterbacks coaching job. Here now, my TV picks.



NBA Bulls at Philadelphia

6 p.m. WCIU

Derrick Rose will make Allen Iverson look like the Wrong Answer.



NHL Blackhawks vs. St. Louis

7:30 p.m. CSN

Hawks fans should be singing the Blues, but that's a good thing.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL Illinois at Iowa

7:30 p.m. Big Ten Network

Find "big game" in the dictionary and you'll see this game. Not really, but still.



» Grammy Award-winning singers Alicia Keys (left) and Shakira will perform during halftime of the NBA All-Star game. The league also announced Tuesday that Usher will perform at the Feb. 14 game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

» The Blackhawks' offensive lines had a new look Tuesday with the return of Dave Bolland. The center, who hasn't played since undergoing back surgery in November, skated on the second line with Patrick Sharp and Marian Hossa.

» U.S. Ski Team men's coach Sasha Rearick said Tuesday that Bode Miller plans to race all five Alpine events at the Vancouver Olympics. Miller's first event will be the downhill; he'll also compete in the super-combi, super-G, giant slalom and slalom.

» Usain Bolt will headline Randalls Island, N.Y., Grand Prix on June 12. » Randy Bernard named new CEO of the Indy Racing League.

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By Lisa Arnett

Valentine's Day is approaching fast, and all eyes (or at least the object of your affection's eyes) are on you to plan the perfect night for two. Whether you're oh-so-monogamous or you've switched your Facebook relationship status to "it's complicated," we've got your night covered from start to finish.

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Old Town Social
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DATING

FIRST: Stop in new floral shop **Christine Noelle Design** (106 W. Oak St. 312-475-1500), where the staff will keep you out of cliché red-roses territory with hand-tied bouquets of unique blooms (\$25-\$50). Or swing by either of **Delightful Pastries'** new outposts (1710 N. Wells St. 312-255-0724, and inside the Chicago French Market, 131 N. Clinton St. 312-575-0306) to assemble a box of heart-shaped Linzer tarts in apricot, raspberry or chocolate (\$17.50 a pound).

NEXT: Dress your best and dine at **Eve** (840 N. Wabash Ave. 312-266-3383), a Gold Coast standby with class and sparkle to spare. An à la carte menu features decadent aphrodisiac-inspired specials such as pork belly with grilled water-

melon, cocoa nibs and anise-chocolate mole (\$10) and seared scallops with white asparagus, crispy sweetbreads and mission fig jam (\$28). Reservations available 5-10:30 p.m. Feb. 12 and 13; 5-9 p.m. Feb. 14.

THEN: Cab it to **Old Town Social** (455 W. North Ave. 312-266-2277) to vie for one of the red brocade-draped booths for two, the perfect setting for a nightcap designed by hot shot mixologists Charles Joly and Tim Lacey. Try the Aviation (a Hendrick's gin cocktail with crème de violette and maraschino liqueur) or the bubbly Mont Blanc (a blend of tequila and St. Germain elderflower liqueur topped off with prosecco), both \$11. No reservations.

IT'S COMPLICATED

FIRST: You're on again. You're off again. You're going out on V-Day, but who knows what your status will be by then. Stop in Hyde Park shop the **Fair Trader** (1623 E. 55th St. 773-966-5269) to pick up a funky valentine from Little Works, which imports fair-trade crafts from Rwanda (\$5-\$7). Inside the card, scribble something general enough to be interpreted as amorous or platonic.

NEXT: Meet at new Cajun-Creole eatery the **Big Easy** (1660 E. 55th St. 773-643-5500), where the vibe is more fun than overtly romantic. For \$19.95, get a gumbo, jumbalaya and dessert trio (mini-beignet, peach-cobbler brownie and chocolate-cappuccino mousse pie). 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Feb. 13; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Feb. 14. **THEN:** Wander over to **Chant** (1509 E. 53rd St. 773-955-2200), a bustling

Asian restaurant with entertainment to keep awkward silences at bay; Hassan Khan performs Feb. 12 and the Usual Suspects play Feb. 13. If the night's heating up, make a toast to new beginnings with strawberry mimosas (\$7). If things have gone south, order a slice of the Death by Chocolate cake (\$8) and don't bother sharing. Reservations available 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Feb. 12; 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Feb. 14.



FIRST: March your long-since-committed self over to **Paper Boy** (1351 W. Belmont Ave. 773-388-8811), where local greeting card designer Amber Favorite of A. Favorite Designs hosts Typography Love, a shopping party for her letterpress designs, framed and ready for giving (\$16-\$35). 5-8 p.m. Feb. 5; frames available at the store through Feb. 14.

NEXT: Play it casual at no-reservations Bucktown eatery the **Bristol** (2152 N. Damen Ave. 773-862-5555), which, in a surprising move, is taking reservations for Feb. 14. Dress in your comfiest jeans, and while you nosh on a three-course dinner (think roasted monkfish in mussel broth and Meyer lemon-marinated veal breast), have a laugh picturing everyone else out around town in their binding suits and uncomfortable heels. Suckers. 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. \$49 per person.

THEN: Order a round at the **Exchange** (1270 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-342-5282), a lounge that's serving up drinks with the same level of thought as the Violet Hour—but without the pesky no-standing, no-cell phones policy. Lest you have nothing to talk about after all these years, you can debate the merits of the bar's two spins on the classic negroni (both \$10). No reservations.

best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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wed 3 **Beacher's Madhouse**
Martini Park, 151 W. Erie St. 312-640-0577

Get a side of freak with your drinks when Jeff Beacher's touring spectacle makes a stop in River North with a cadre of dancers, sideshow acts, acrobats and DJs in tow. 9 p.m. No cover.

Cocoa Couture
Salud Tequila Lounge, 1471 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-5577

Fashion meets networking meets half-price appetizers and free chocolates at this mixer and fashion show featuring Kali Butterfly jewelry. 7 p.m. No cover.

Free admission
Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave. 312-930-4040

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thu 4 **The Artist's Studio as Party**
Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660

Take a first look at new behind-the-scenes exhibit "Production Site: The Artist's Studio Inside-Out" and meet the artists at this benefit. Includes food and live music. 6 p.m. \$45-\$75.

'Jersey Shore' appearances
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Heads up: Sammi "Sweetheart" and Ronnie host a contest for best pouf and best fist pump with a 50 clam prize. Doors at 8 p.m.; hosts expected about 11 p.m. \$25; no cover before 10 p.m.

fri 5 **'Holla, Holla, Heey (Oy Vey!')**
iO, 3541 N. Clark St. 773-880-0199

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5 p.m. Feb. 13-14: A la carte specials such as Louisiana-style gumbo, butternut squash ravioli, Maryland crab cakes, blackened salmon with Cajun cream sauce and coconut milk creme brulee available in addition to the regular menu. Live music Saturday. Prices vary; 3839 W. Grand Ave. 773-292-0990

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5:30 p.m. Feb. 13-14: Four-course dinner including an aphrodisiac-inspired appetizer platter. \$75; 616 N. Rush St. 312-660-6000.

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11 a.m. Feb. 12-14: Prix-fixe menu including deviled eggs, lobster "love" soup, your choice of burgers, truffle fries, a strawberry milkshake to share, two cupcakes and two Three Floyds Gumballhead drafts. The regular menu also is available. \$24; 2954 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-360-8686.

EPIC

5:30 p.m. Feb. 14: Four-course menu. Wine pairings available for an additional charge. \$65; 112 W. Hubbard St. 312-222-4940.

GRAHAM ELLIOT

5 p.m. Feb. 12-14: Five-course chocolate-inspired dinner. \$96; 217 W. Huron St. 312-624-9975.

HEARTY

5 p.m. Feb. 13-14: Three-course aphrodisiac-inspired menu featuring dishes such as lobster

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bread pudding and pine nut-saffron pastry cream tart. \$42; 3819 N. Broadway. 773-868-9866.

L20

6 p.m. Feb. 13-14: Choose from a 12-course dinner (\$165) with optional wine pairings (\$90 extra) or a 10-course luxury item menu (\$245) with optional wine pairings (\$110 extra); 2300 N. Lincoln Park West. 773-868-0002.

LA MEDITERRANEE

5:30 p.m. Feb. 13-14: Special three-course menu. \$39; 941 W. Randolph St. 312-243-1818.

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5 p.m. Feb. 13-14: \$40 three-course menu available 5-6 p.m.;

\$75 five-course menu available 6:30 p.m. and after; 4539 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-942-7585.

NACIONAL 27

Feb. 13-14: Three-course menu (\$45, 5 p.m. seating) or five-course dinner with cava toast (\$75, 8 p.m. seating). Includes salsa dancing at 11 p.m. Feb. 13 and 9 p.m. Feb. 14; 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727.

NOMI

5:30 p.m. Feb. 14: Three-course menu with optional wine pairings (\$60 extra). \$105; 800 N. Michigan Ave. Park Hyatt Hotel, 7th floor. 312-335-1234.

ONE SIXTYBLUE

5 p.m. Feb. 13-14: Six-course dinner with optional wine pairings

(\$35). The regular menu is also available. \$75; 1400 W. Randolph St. 312-850-0303.

OSTERIA VIA STATO

5 p.m. Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m. Feb. 14: Family-style prix-fixe dinners including three courses (\$38.95) or two courses (\$24.95) with wine pairings (\$15-\$50). Options include pan-roasted diver sea scallops with butternut squash and wild mushrooms, and braised beef short ribs with creamy polenta; 620 N. State St. 312-642-8450.

PALETTE BISTRO

5 p.m. Feb. 12-14: Three-course lobster dinner including salad, bisque and steamed lobster tail. Add wine pairings for \$20. \$50; 2834 N. Southport Ave. 773-477-2565.

PARK GRILL

5 p.m. Feb. 12-14: Specials available in addition to

the regular menu. Prices vary; 11 N. Michigan Ave. Millennium Park. 312-521-7275.

PELAGO RISTORANTE

5 p.m. Feb. 14: Red-themed four-course meal including choices such as red snapper filet with red pepper sauce, and pomegranate mousse with kir royale sorbet. \$78; 201 E. Delaware Pl. Raffaello Hotel. 312-280-0700.

RUSTICO GRILL

5 p.m. Feb. 13-14: A la carte menu accented by chocolate, flowers and other romance-minded ingredients. Prices vary; 2515 N. California Ave. 773-235-0002.

TAXIM

6:30 p.m. (first seating), 8:30 p.m. (second seating) Feb. 14: Four-course aphrodisiac dinner including a martini or glass of wine. \$45; 1558 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-1558.



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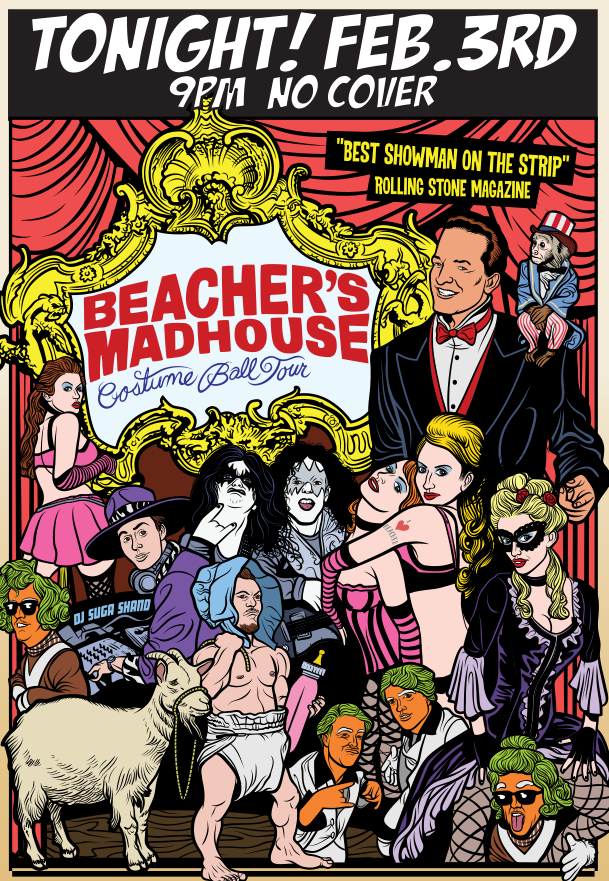
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5 things we're
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1 The new **Retro Get Down** dance night on Fridays at the Holiday Club (4000 N. Sheridan Rd). Forget about your work week while grinding to classic new wave, rock and industrial tracks, as spun by DJ Jesse De La Pena. Bonus: Local brew Metropolitan Krankshaft Kolsch is on tap.

2 **Crispy flatbread** (\$6) with roasted beets, walnuts and gorgonzola at Lakeview lounge Cuna (1113 W. Belmont Ave.). We're happy that former Sepia chef Kendal Duque is continuing his flatbread tradition in this kitchen.



3 The **Geisha martini** (\$10) at Wang's, the tiny, fabulous bar next door to Wakamono (3317 N. Broadway). This passionfruit concoction is both strong and sweet, and garnished with an orchid plucked right out of the vases displayed on the bar.

4 The ridiculously hilarious sketch-comedy show **"Grandma's Hip (And So Am I)." We** laughed so hard that our friends had to make sure we were OK. Catch the last performance this Friday at Donny's Skybox Theatre (1608 N. Wells St.). 9 p.m. \$12.

5 **Fresh-cut fries** (free with sandwiches; \$3.25 as a side, \$6.25 for a basket) at welcoming Roscoe Village spot Four Moon Tavern (1847 W. Roscoe St.). If you know of more delicious fries than these, well, we'll believe it when we taste 'em.

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What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness. You might just spot your pick in a future issue.

WEDNESDAY DEALS

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\$5 Smirnoff martinis and Jack Daniel's cocktails; 1950 W. North Ave. 773-235-5700.

ABERDEEN

35 cent wings, \$3 house cocktails, \$15 Heineken and Amstel Light buckets; 1856 W. North Ave. 773-772-5500.

THE BEER BISTRO

\$2 select cans, \$4 draft of the month; 1061 W. Madison St. 312-433-0013.

BLUE BAYOU

\$2 well cocktails and Point Pale Ale drafts, \$4 Jack and Cokes, half-price appetizers. No cover; 3734 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-3300.

BUTTERFLY SOCIAL CLUB

Butterfly Theater. \$4 for a draft beer and a shot, free movies, pizza and popcorn (9 p.m.-2 a.m.). No cover; 722 W. Grand Ave. 312-666-1695.

COLE'S

\$2 PBR cans, \$2.50 Old Style tallboys and Tecate bottles, comedy open mic 9 p.m.; 2338 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-5802.

CRIMSON LOUNGE

\$5 Belvedere cocktails, \$10 glasses of Moet Imperial champagne, DJ Dealer 1 spins 9 p.m.; 333 N. Dearborn St. Hotel Sax. 312-923-2453.

CROSSROADS PUBLIC HOUSE

\$1 Miller High Life pints, \$1.50 mini-sandwiches, \$3 SoCo Lime shots, \$4.95 personal cheese pizzas; 2630 N. Clark St. 773-248-3900.

THE DARK HORSE TAP AND GRILLE

\$5 Miller Lite pitchers, \$5 ribs dinner; 3443 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-248-4400.

DISTRICT BAR

\$2 Miller Lite drafts, \$2 mozzarella logs; 170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477.

DIVISION STREET BAR & GRILL

\$4 Jack Daniel's cocktails; 2525 W. Division St. 773-252-2233.

FAITH & WHISKEY

\$3 Jim Beam Red Stag shots and well cocktails; 1365 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-248-9119.

FIVE STAR BAR

25 cent jumbo wings, \$2.50 Tecate cans; 1424 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2555.

GOOSE ISLAND BREWPUB

\$3.50 select half-pints; 1800 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-915-0071.

GREEN DOOR TAVERN

\$3 Miller High Life drafts, \$3 mini-corn dog baskets (4-7 p.m.); 678 N. Orleans St. 312-664-5496.

HACKNEY'S

\$10 for a burger and a beer; 733 S. Dearborn St. 312-461-1116.

HAWKEYE'S

\$3 Cuervo Gold shots, \$7 Coors Light pitchers, \$15 Bud buckets, half-price pizzas (3 p.m.); 1458 W. Taylor St. 312-226-3951.

THE KERRYMAN

\$2 Blue Moon and Stella drafts, \$4 Ketel One and Captain Morgan cocktails; 661 N. Clark St. 312-335-8121.

KROLL'S SOUTH LOOP

\$3 Captain Morgan cocktails, \$3 Heineken, Heineken Light and Amstel Light bottles, \$5 glasses of house wine, half-price bottles of wine; 1736 S. Michigan Ave. 312-235-1400.

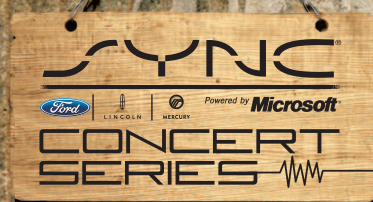
LINCOLN STATION

\$2.50 Metropolitan pints, \$3.50 draft of the month, half-price glasses of wine, \$1 hot roast beef sandwiches; 2432 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8100.

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2-20 **Badfish**
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2-22 **Jack's Mannequin**
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2-27 **Tesla** - 17+ **Loop**

3-2 **SPRING SKAWARD TOUR FEAT. English Beat**
Fishbone, Outlaw Nation - 17+ **93XRT**

3-5 **New Found Glory**
Saves The Day, Hellogoodbye, Fireworks
All Ages

3-7 **The Avett Brothers**
The Low Anthem - 17+

3-10 **Chrisette Michelle**
Laura Izibor - 17+

3-12 **Gaelic Storm** - 17+

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3-18 **Needtobreathe**
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Photos of who we've seen on the scene



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Behind bars

New bar and grill **Lockdown** (1024 N. Western Ave. 773-451-5625) has bartenders donning edgy outfits like rock bar *Deja Vu* and prison-themed dishes like hot dog stand *Felony Franks*. But they've thrown another quirky feature in into the mix: concert footage airing on TVs around the bar, so you can pretend you're at a *Metallica* concert while you drink your beer. Because, be honest, you've been dying for someplace to do just that.

» Log on to metromix.com for more photos of Lockdown and other new bars and clubs.



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LOGAN BAR AND GRILL

\$3 specialty shots, \$4 draft of the month; 2230 N. California Ave. 773-252-1110.

LUMEN

5:30 p.m.: Stimulus Social Club. Network with other professionals interested in assisting charities and local businesses through the recession. Includes appetizers and one cocktail. \$10. RSVP required: rsvp@stimulusocialclub.com; 839 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-2222.

M LOUNGE

25 percent off bottles of wine, live jazz 7 p.m. No cover; 1520 S. Wabash St. 312-447-0201.

MEZE TAPAS LOUNGE

Half-price bottles of wine, \$3 tapas (4-7 p.m.); 205 N. Peoria St. 312-666-6625.

MR. BROWN'S LOUNGE

\$3 Corona bottles; 2301 W. Chicago Ave. 773-278-4445.

NORTHSIDE BAR AND GRILL

\$3.50 Point seasonal bottles; 1635 N. Damen Ave. 773-384-3555.

PITCHFORK FOOD & SALOON

Half-price glasses and bottles of wine; 2922 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-866-2010.

PURPLE HAZE BAR & GRILLE

\$5 pitchers; 3415 N. Clark St. 773-975-6677.

RODAN

\$2 PBR drafts, \$5 select cocktails; 1530 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-7036.

SOPO

\$3 Bud beers, \$4 martinis, \$5 salads, half-price ribs; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

THE SPOT

\$10 all-you-can-eat wings; 4437 N. Broadway. 773-728-8934.

THE SPREAD

Half-price appetizers (until 8 p.m.), trivia 8 p.m.; 2476 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-857-5074.

TANTRUM

\$5 Don Julio margaritas; 1023 S. State St. 312-939-9160.

THE TASTING ROOM

\$5 winter cocktails, half-price flatbreads; 1415 W. Randolph St. 312-942-1313.

THE TIN LIZZIE

Half-price drinks; 2483 N. Clark St. 773-549-1132.

THE UPTOWN LOUNGE

\$4 Hacker-Pschorr and Guinness drafts; 1136 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-878-1136.

VILLAINS BAR & GRILL

\$2 PBR cans, 50 cent large wings; 649 S. Clark St. 312-356-9992.

WILD PUG

\$3 Fuller's London Pride drafts, VJ Bobby Marley 10 p.m. No cover; 4810 N. Broadway. 773-784-4811.

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Feb. 5 at Cubby Bear Wrigleyville

Local indie rockers with an appealing homemade quality. Which isn't to say their songs aren't smartly composed and hummable.

On the Run

Feb. 5 at Martyrs'

These local pop rockers' acoustic guitar strums and splashes of sax suggest they'd rather be tossing a Frisbee around the quad than dealing with winter. Who wouldn't?

Bishop Allen, Unicycle Loves You, Kid You'll Move Mountains

Feb. 5 at Lincoln Hall

Three bands with a particular knack for writing a pop tune, whether it's coated in New York indie cool, local dance fever or pure Chicago honesty.



Those Darlins

Feb. 11 at Schubas

Country-rock gals so likable it's almost not fair to everyone else.

Fresh Fest Old School Reunion Tour

Feb. 5 at Arie Crown Theatre

Binge on nostalgia with Salt-N-Pepa, Biz Markie, Slick Rick, Big Daddy Kane and more.

Jemina Pearl

Feb. 6 at Beat Kitchen

Singer of defunct punks Be Your Own Pet unleashes the bratty sweetness of her solo debut, "Break It Up."

Empires

Feb. 12 at Lincoln Hall

Promising local rockers showcase new songs like "Damn Things Over," which pretty much out-Killers the Killers.

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic

Feb. 12 at Cubby Bear Wrigleyville

If we really have to tell you what kind of show this will be, maybe it's not for you after all.

This month, look forward to more ear-busting concerts than calendar days

By Matt Pais

Between the Super Bowl, Mardi Gras and the Winter Olympics, is there no time for decent live music during the short month of February? Please. Get full event info at metromix.com.

MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MUSIC AND MOVIE PRODUCER. MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM

Backyard Tire Fire

Feb. 13 at Double Door

Central Illinois outfit plays from new "Good to Be," which really makes us want a beer—partially in celebration, partially in sorrow.

Mahjongg

Feb. 13 at Subterranean

These locals' brand of space-pop might sound weird if you've never banged pots against pipes in your house and synced up the noises with a video game. Preview songs from the new as-yet-untitled record, out in May.

The Dirty Rooks

Feb. 14 at Lincoln Hall

Local blues rockers play a CD release show for their sophomore album, "Sugar Mama."

Editors, The Antlers

Feb. 15 at the Vic

A haunting evening of soaring vocals and hazy feedback from the Antlers' "Hospice" and synth-heavy posturing from Editors' new "In This Light and On This Evening."

Jason Boesel

Feb. 16 at Double Door

Drummer who's played with Rilo Kiley and Bright Eyes steps out front for his debut as a singer-songwriter on the new, very West Coast-sounding "Hustler's Son."

Billy Corgan

Feb. 18 at LaSalle Power Co.

This benefit show will cost you \$150-\$300, but really, when else do you expect to see the lone remaining Smashing Pumpkin?

Mariah Carey

Feb. 13-14 at Chicago Theatre

A ridiculous person with a great voice; a confounding media presence with surprisingly decent work in "Precious."



Designer Drugs

Feb. 6 at Lincoln Hall

Just as hip, clubby and fiercely danceable as you'd expect with a name like that.



Thomas Ian Nicholas

Feb. 6 at Double Door

Yes, the actor from "American Pie" and "Rookie of the Year," and, yes, he's performing a solo acoustic show of sentimental pop rock. Go to metromix.com to read our interview with Nicholas and read about his pitch for a "Rookie of the Year" sequel.



GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

St. Vincent

Feb. 18 at Metro

Annie Clark broke big last year with her sophomore solo disc, "Actor," which found beauty in blankets of angry fuzz.

Wild Beasts

Feb. 18-19 at Schubas

Acclaim for last year's terrific "Two Dancers" results in the British group stopping in for two nights on its first North American tour.

Sondre Lerche

Feb. 19 at Lincoln Hall

Norwegian-born, Brooklyn-dwelling pop artist is pretty irresistible all the time, including on last year's "Heartbeat Radio."

**Sybris** Feb. 20 at Schubas

Explosive locals test out material from their next record, including the Zeppelin-esque "Stag Party."

Chevelle

Feb. 20 at Riviera

Chicago-area natives return to remind us about the thunderous power of late '90s rock.

**Snoop Dogg** Feb. 16 at Metro

The seasoned gangster rapper performs from the new "Malice n Wonderland." Whatever he does, it's a party.

Kings of Convenience

Feb. 20 at Metro

Really, this kind of cozy pop should come with a fireplace.

Basia Bulat

Feb. 23 at Schubas

Canadian singer's new sophomore album, "Heart of My Own," offers more warming melodies draped across Bulat's wonderful tremble.

Portugal. The Man

Feb. 26 at Lincoln Hall

Great live band previews songs from upcoming "American Ghetto."

Laura Veirs and the Hall of Flames

Feb. 27 at Schubas

Absorbing folk-pop singer tours behind new "July Flame" before getting too close to giving birth (expected in April).

Alkaline Trio

Feb. 27-28 at Metro

Veteran punks who formed in Chicago play from new "This Addiction," out Feb. 23.

Joe Pug

Feb. 27 at Lincoln Hall

Quick-rising local singer-songwriter plays tracks from his full-length debut, "Messenger." This wise-beyond-his-years ex-carpenter is going places.

**El Perro Del Mar**

Feb. 22 at Lincoln Hall

Swedish singer performs tunes from last year's "Love is Not Pop," which, cough, actually is dreamy pop that's pretty easy to like.

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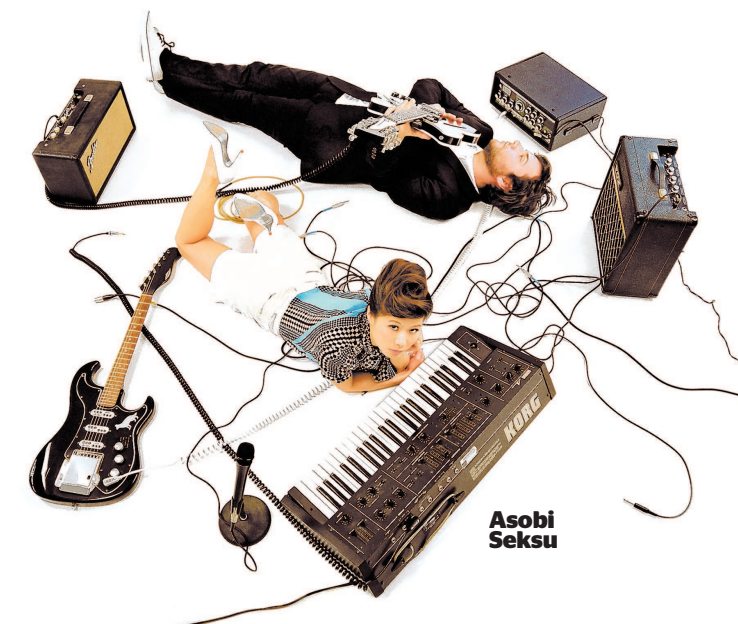
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By Rebecca Palmore

If you trace director Michael Rohd's extensive career, it takes you, among other places, from Washington to L.A. to Portland, Ore., where his company, Sojourn Theatre, is based. These days, Rohd, 42, is growing roots in Chicago. A recent faculty addition to Northwestern University's theater department, Rohd is directing "Wilson Wants It All," a futuristic drama he wrote with House member Phillip C. Klapperich. We asked the Baltimore native about his resume and his new show, making its premiere this week in West Town.

"Wilson Wants It All" looks ahead 30 years?

Yes, it takes place in 2040, although its starting point is 2010.

Who is Wilson?

In 2010, he is the chief of staff to a Kennedy-like political figure who is on his way to greatness in the American political scene and is assassinated. Wilson basically spends the next 30 years managing and taking care of the legacy of that figure. His reason and goals aren't entirely clear, but you could say that a family and the nation hang in the balance.

Does the show introduce any futuristic-minded gadgets or technologies?

We've had so much fun for the past year attempting to chart the trajectory of communication and personal computing technology and advertising. You know how the iPad came out? We'd already designed these things, these tablets that are exactly what the iPad is.



Leslie Frame in rehearsal for **Wilson Wants It All**



Michael Rohd

I read your blog post on the House Theatre's Web site about mock-suing Steve Jobs.

Yes, exactly. [Laughs.] The advertising stuff is the really fun stuff. A lot of people say that advertising is getting more personalized. I think that 30 years from now, we're going to have avatars of ourselves selling us things as we walk through public spaces.

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Tell me about the set design.

There are large panels that operate as architecture but also as projection surfaces (they're more like a

cityscape than just a bunch of screens). There's pre-constructed video content and there's live feed, which is tricky on our budget.

What was your first experience with Chicago?

I went to college at Northwestern in the '80s, and I was an actor here for a couple years in '89-'90.

Who did you work with back then?

The Lookingglass folks were all good friends of mine. The last show I did in town was with Tracy Letts, Michael Shannon and Joey Slotnick. We were in a show called "Fun and Nobody" that Dexter Bullard directed at the old Next Lab.

How did you get turned on to the House Theatre?

I saw a couple of their shows a few years ago, and a couple of the artists took workshops with me either here in Chicago when I was passing through, or they came out to Portland to work with my company. I finally met Nathan Allen, the artistic director, and we became friends and started talking about working on a project.

What's next for you in Chicago?

My other shows are out of town. There's not a next one here, but I hope there will be.

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AND THE NOMINEES ARE ...

Here's a list of the nominees in major categories for the 82nd annual Academy Awards, which will air March 7 on ABC. The highlighted nominees are Metromix movie producer Matt Pais' picks for who should win.



BEST PICTURE

- » "Avatar"
- » "The Blind Side"
- » "District 9"
- » "An Education"
- » **"The Hurt Locker"**
- » "Inglourious Basterds"
- » "Precious"
- » "A Serious Man"
- » "Up"
- » "Up in the Air"



BEST DIRECTOR

- » James Cameron, "Avatar"
- » **Kathryn Bigelow, "The Hurt Locker"**
- » Quentin Tarantino, "Inglourious Basterds"
- » Lee Daniels, "Precious"
- » Jason Reitman, "Up in the Air"

By Kyra Kyles

REDEYE

Kathryn Dietrich and her friend Annie Brady are almost ready for the Oscars on March 7.

Dietrich has selected a flowing emerald dress with glittery black diamonds.

Brady is still trying to think of a frock that tops the floor-length golden gown she wore last year.

But regardless of how the ladies look, they undoubtedly will avoid any unflattering paparazzi pics and worst-dressed lists on Oscar night.

Dietrich and Brady, both 19, will watch the show from the comfort of a dorm living room on the Loyola University Chicago campus in Rogers Park.

There, with about a dozen other friends and bottles of sparkling cider, they will continue a tradition Dietrich started as a freshman. It's not an uncommon scene, RedEye found after talking to others who view the Oscars, Grammys and Golden Globes as a Super Bowl for celebrities and party at home, local bars and clubs, as well as at some exclusive parties.

"I was a film major and I'm in business marketing now, but I will always, always love to watch the Oscars," Dietrich said. "I actually can't remember a year that I haven't watched it live. And finally, one day, I thought: 'I feel like dressing up with my friends and celebrating it.'"

Brady, who said she previously attended award viewing parties as a high-schooler in Denver, says last year marked the first time she celebrated in an Oscar-like atmosphere.

"I'm getting some use from some old prom dresses," Brady said, adding she is especially excited about this year's ceremony, which will feature 10, rather than the usual five, nominees for best picture.

"I love the Oscars ... the musical numbers, the hosts, listening to the jokes and seeing all the dresses," said Brady, a theater major.

The Loyola ladies are just a few of the locals who enjoy getting festive for viewing parties.

West Sider Derrick Salter said such parties are a nice alternative to the usual Chicago night-life scene.

"It's hard to go to a lot of stuff because there's so much going on, but I try when I have the chance," Salter said of such parties. He also enjoys attending award ceremonies that feature and honor local artists, such as talent showcases put on by local music vet Gus Redmond of MusicQuest. "There are a lot of Chicago people in the music and film industry. ... It's the third-largest city, so these parties are a good

way to meet people with talent who are trying to make it."

Other award-show buffs also enjoy more exclusive events, according to an executive from the Grammys' Chicago office, who said that about 700 people have gathered at various venues for the annual viewing party. This year, it was held at the Hard Rock Cafe downtown.

You have to be a member of the local Grammys organization, or a member's plus-one, to get in to what project manager Sarah Mudler described as a raucous celebration.

"A lot of local nominees when they go to award shows, they can't bring everyone from their label, their family or friends, of course," Mudler said. "So they come join us here in Chicago and root them on from our viewing party. It can get pretty competitive and fun, like a football game."

But all were welcome at a Grammy viewing party recently held at The Bottom Lounge, with proceeds going to benefit Haiti via Wyclef Jean's Yele Foundation. The party—with catered food and musical performances from local artists including rapper Amina and Liquid Soul—offered a red carpet-style entrance to guests. Approximately 400 attendees dressed casually for the party with a purpose, according to event producer Mary Datcher.

If you missed the Grammy events, a "red carpet" dress code will be in effect for the upcoming annual Oscar viewing party at the Gene Siskel Film Center downtown. The event costs \$100 and features a red carpet and socialite/foodie Amanda Puck along with two movie screens. Guests also will be treated to official Oscar programs because the center is the official viewing venue in the city, according to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

"Whatever is sitting on, say, Robert Downey Jr.'s lap at the actual awards, is sitting on our guest's lap here in Chicago," Karen Durham, a center spokeswoman, said of the programs.

Younger people have been coming to the party in recent years, in part sparked by movies with young stars, including the award-sweeping "Slumdog Millionaire," Durham said.

"It's a great time and we expect to see a lot of people this year, from established socialites to up-and-comers," Durham said. "It's really cool, and the party is very classy."

Dietrich and Brady already are spoken for that evening, of course, though they are looking to up the glam in their gathering.

"This year, we have a kitchen," Dietrich said. "We might serve hors d'oeuvres. I'm thinking taquitos, bagel bites, maybe some ravioli."

She laughed. "Yeah, we're pulling out all the stops."

BEST ACTOR

- » **Jeff Bridges, "Crazy Heart"**
- » George Clooney, "Up in the Air"
- » Colin Firth, "A Single Man"
- » Morgan Freeman, "Invictus"
- » Jeremy Renner, "The Hurt Locker"



BEST ACTRESS

- » Sandra Bullock, "The Blind Side"
- » Helen Mirren, "The Last Station"
- » **Carey Mulligan, "An Education"**
- » Gabourey Sidibe, "Precious"
- » Meryl Streep, "Julie and Julia"



Chicago's very own awards

By Kyra Kyles
REDEYE

The height of awards season might be over for the music industry now that the Grammys are gone until 2011, but the celebrations don't have to stop for local artists.

Local entrepreneurs—Gus Redmond of MusicQuest music promotions and Carl West of The TRUTH magazine—make sure they annually honor Chicago acts.

Unsigned music talent is the focal point of an upcoming event series by Redmond, a longtime music promoter, who said he traces his music business back to the days of the Chi-lites and The Dells. Beginning in April, Redmond plans to launch a Best Unsigned Talent competition, during which six R&B and rap artists will be featured each week for six months. Events will be held at a Burbank, Ill.-based venue called The Club, Redmond said.

"At the end, the 10 best performers will get awards," Redmond said. He is targeting October for a ceremony at The Club's adjoining Eagle Arena. Rules will include "no crazy gangster type of music" and performances cannot include cursing. "I've always been interested in finding good talent in music and we're going to try to put the winners on a compilation CD too," he said.

For the past nine years, local magazine publisher West also has been on a quest to honor unsung and nationally-known Chicago artists. West, who said he is looking forward to a lavish 10-year anniversary of the awards show the first week of October, said The TRUTH Awards has featured well-known performers and red-carpet walkers, including Kanye West, Common, Twista and Jennifer Hudson immediately after she was cut from "American Idol" in 2004.

Though the details of this year's ceremony are still in the works, West said he is expecting about 1,200 guests, three times the number of attendees when he launched the program at the DuSable Museum.

"When I came up with this, it was out of love for Chicago and I created [the show] right alongside The TRUTH magazine," West said. "Back then, groups needed exposure so badly. They get a lot more these days, but everyone keeps coming back and the awards are considered a big deal."

Online voting for the awards begins about 45 days before the ceremony, West said, adding that some of the 17 categories honor local icons, including the late comic Bernie Mac and rap radio host Pink House.

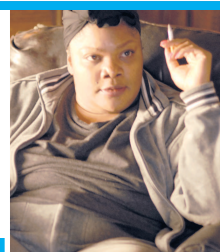
But unlike Redmond's awards, The TRUTH Awards pit local, emerging artists against bigger-name peers. Sometimes there are surprises.

"Sometimes we'll get a local artist to beat a Common or a Kanye," West said.



Music fans gather to watch the Grammy Viewing Party on Sunday at Chicago's Hard Rock Cafe.

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BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- » Penelope Cruz, "Nine"
- » Vera Farmiga, "Up in the Air"
- » Maggie Gyllenhaal, "Crazy Heart"
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- « Mo'Nique, "Precious"



BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

- » Matt Damon, "Invictus"
- » Woody Harrelson, "The Messenger"
- » Christopher Plummer, "The Last Station"
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SONG

'Today Was a Fairytale'

Taylor Swift

Newly minted Grammy winner Taylor Swift's new single picks up where "Fearless" left off, a charming little country-tinged pop number about princes and happily-ever-afters. It's nice enough, but it kind of screams "soundtrack song"—fitting, since it comes from Swift's big-screen debut, "Valentine's Day." GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY



Things that turn us on

GAME

'Mass Effect 2'

\$59.99 for XB360, PC

Hollywood, you better look over your shoulder. EA's "Mass Effect 2" proves moviemakers have something to learn from video games when it comes to interesting storytelling and character development. This sci-fi role-playing game, a continuation of the well-received original, plays like a more mature version of "Star Trek." As Commander Shepard, you are thrust into the hero role as you recruit a diverse crew for your ship, meet strange aliens, blast your way past evil mercenaries and even have the option of engaging in a little outer space romance. RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE, ELECTRONIC ARTS PHOTO



VALENTINE

Valentine's Day gifts

Various prices at Sweet Petal, 537 S. Dearborn St.; sweetpetalchicago.com or 312-939-6544

Feeling floral this Valentine's Day, or maybe a bit prickly? Well, no matter your mood or the personality of your loved one, Melisa Jimenez of Sweet Petal has you covered. The exotic soul might like Orchid Bliss for \$65. For the tough guy, there are Desert Fun cactus planters (above, \$40-\$65) and the minimalist could enjoy the simple-yet-lovely bud vases known as Petite Favorites (each less than \$20). EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKU, REDEYE

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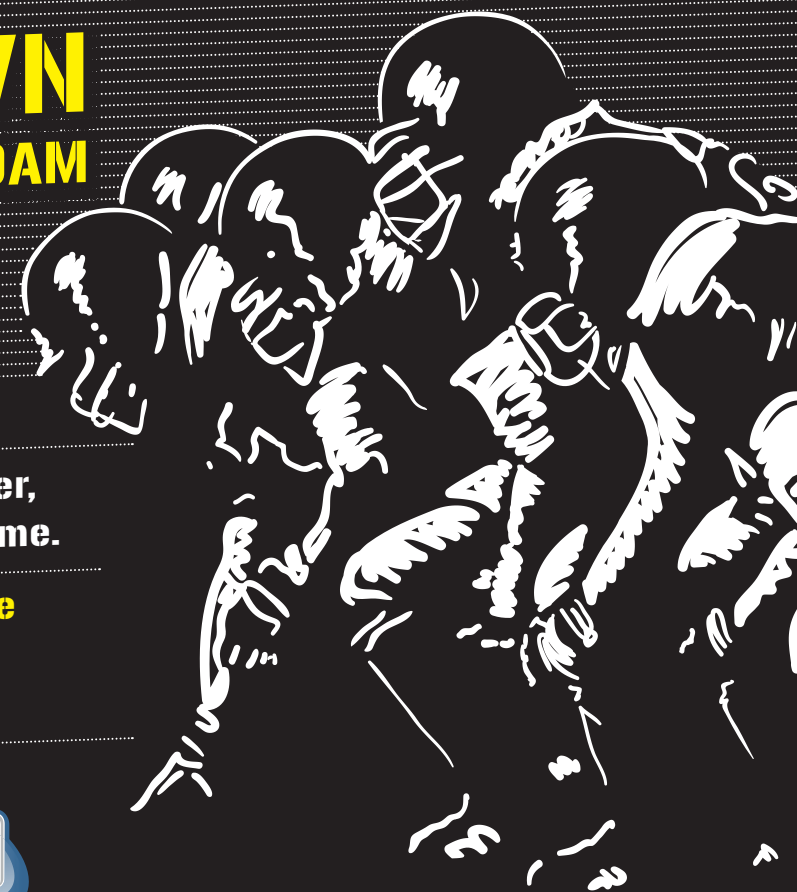
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Whether it's nachos, pizza, chicken wings, chili or dips and chips, I can't get enough of game-day food. These snacks are a natural match with the official beverage of most sporting events—beer—but what if you're in the mood for a glass of wine? Can you still join in on the fun?

You know my answer is going to be yes. Although I do enjoy a great glass of beer, wine can play just as much of a part in your game-day festivities. Here are a few suggestions. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.**

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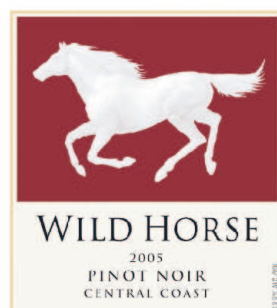
Toso Brut sparkling wine

Argentina, \$12
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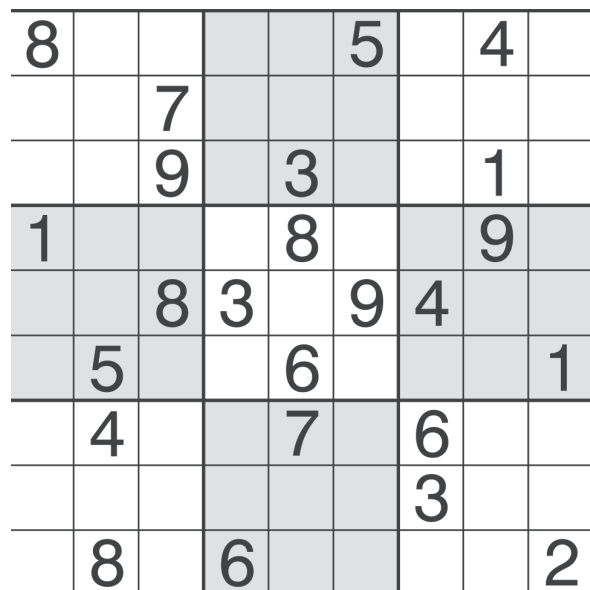


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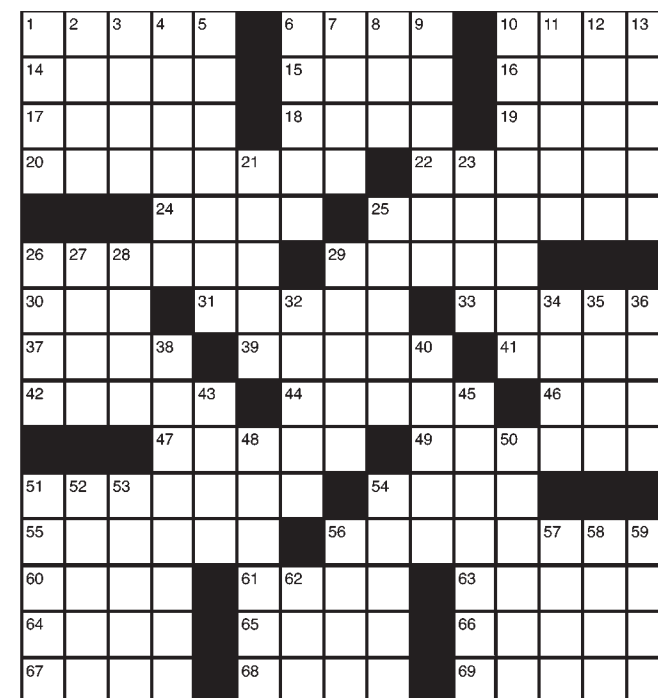
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- 1 Use up, as cash
- 6 Green citrus fruit
- 10 Crazy
- 14 Refueling ship
- 15 Finishes
- 16 Margarine
- 17 Quickly
- 18 Majority
- 19 Julep
- 20 Five-sided building in Washington, D.C.
- 22 Each
- 24 Prayer closing
- 25 Astonished
- 26 Trash container
- 29 Panorama
- 30 I love: Lat.
- 31 Equestrian
- 33 Shish __; barbecue favorite
- 37 Cartoon Betty
- 39 Sofa
- 41 Ill-mannered
- 42 Lopsided
- 44 India's neighbor
- 46 Cover
- 47 Hold office as a monarch
- 49 Misgivings
- 51 Shortness
- 54 Omen
- 55 Nile and Tigris
- 56 One who writes the words of a song
- 60 Declare
- 61 Prestigious British school
- 63 Creme de __; sweet liqueur
- 64 Tins
- 65 Gray wolf
- 66 Intense pain
- 67 Otherwise
- 68 Nourish
- 69 Gives temporarily

DOWN

- 1 Daytime serial
- 2 Plumbing piece
- 3 Spirited self-assurance
- 4 Thick fruit juice
- 5 Escapist
- 6 Defective car
- 7 Privy to



- 8 Doctors: abbr.
- 9 Property of the deceased
- 10 Be overbearing
- 11 UFO driver
- 12 Picket border
- 13 Carried
- 21 Extremely cold
- 23 Juvenile delinquent
- 25 Bit of paper
- 26 "Ali __ and the Forty Thieves"
- 27 " __ and Andy"
- 28 Chess piece
- 29 Three and four
- 32 Shabby and squalid
- 34 Lamp insertion
- 35 Mine passage
- 36 Cots
- 38 Corrupt
- 40 Low point
- 43 Dam in a stream
- 45 Sensible
- 48 Of __; per se
- 50 Set free, as a parakeet
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'I hope someday we can lose the modifier and that becomes a moot point whether the person is male or female and they're just filmmakers making statements that they believe in.'

KATHRYN BIGELOW

who could become the first female director to win an Oscar.



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Some of the people and films that should have been nominated but weren't:

'CRAZY HEART'

A well-written, beautifully acted story of regret, forgiveness and redemption. It is certainly better than "The Blind Side."

**MARION
COTILLARD,**
"Nine"

Cotillard's performance is lovely and sad, from an actress who impresses me more with each appearance.

PETER CAPALDI

"In the Loop"
Can a totally foul-mouthed jerk actually be kinda likable? Yes, when played by someone as ferociously nasty as Capaldi in this hilarious political satire.

MATT DAMON

"The Informant!"
The role of whistleblower Mark Whitacre is an incredibly difficult balancing act requiring incredible comic timing and restraint, and Damon totally nails it.

MELANIE LAURENT
"Inglourious Basterds"

In a movie that leans hard on visual poetry and verbal wit, Laurent gave Quentin Tarantino's epic some heart.

HONORED ROLL

"Avatar" and "The Hurt Locker" lead the Academy Awards race with nine nominations each, including best picture and director for former spouses James Cameron and Kathryn Bigelow. And for the first time since 1943 the Oscars feature 10 best-picture contenders instead of the usual five. Here's what some of the nominated artists had to say Tuesday, courtesy of The Associated Press:



"You laugh at the absurdity of it all and how they pit women up against each other. We go, 'Why are they making us out to be fighting when we're just happy to share this moment?'"

SANDRA BULLOCK
best actress nominee for "The Blind Side."



"Getting nominated, to me, that's the plateau. After you're nominated, it's like a crapshoot; it's like throwing dice."

MORGAN FREEMAN
best actor nominee for "Invictus."



"As soon as I heard, I jumped up and down and for some reason I kept screaming, 'I'm gonna get a car, I'm gonna get a car.' I don't know why."

GABOUREY SIDIBE
best actress nominee for "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' By Sapphire."



"[I feel] like I'm 6 and I'm just getting in line for Disneyland or something. I never could have imagined feeling like this again, this sort pure exhilaration. I'm so honored in so many ways."

JEREMY RENNER
best actor nominee for "The Hurt Locker."



"I thought I was managing my expectations, but on hearing the news I discovered new and unfamiliar vocal tones. Perhaps I should do another musical."

COLIN FIRTH
best actor nominee for "A Single Man" (His film credits include "Mamma Mia!").

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Oprah on Oprah on Oprah network

Oh, you knew there would be more Oprah. When the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) debuts in January, it will feature the reality series "Behind the Scenes: Oprah's 25th Season" that will be all about her syndicated talk show's final season. It will be a weekly series, The New York Times says.



Miss J. walks out

No more America's Next Top Waddle. Tyra Banks tells **online.com** that Vogue editor-at-large Andre Leon Talley will be a judge on "Top Model," and "Miss J." Alexander (left) will return to the runway to coach

models on their walks. "Miss J. came to us and said that he wants to go back into the field with the girls because he feels so many of the girls have busted walks, and his name was on that walk," Banks said.

Perry senses good role

Luke Perry doesn't believe in psychics, but that isn't stopping him from playing one on "Leverage." Perry guest-stars as a fake TV psychic who takes advantage of the vulnerable on the show airing Wednesday on TNT. "He's a charlatan," the former "Beverly Hills 90210" star told RedEye. "He absolutely figures out a way to tell people what it is that they want to hear and they cough it up for him big time."

» Read more from Perry at redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.



HOT DATE

March 6

That's the date Zach Galifianakis (left) of "The Hangover" has tweeted he'll be hosting "SNL," the Onion A.V. Club reports.

Maybe not a 'Shore' thing

Here's more "Jersey Shore" news: Sammi "Sweetheart" and Ronnie are going to be at McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon on Thursday (if they show up, that is; remember, they had a battle on the reunion show).

fallout boy?

Wentz may peace out of the band

Wilmette native and Fall Out Boy bassist Pete Wentz took to the blogosphere Tuesday to announce his possibly permanent departure from the band and duked it out with angry fans via Twitter. As he tweeted to one fan: "cant imagine playing in fob again. something would have to change in my head or my heart—not my wallet. Itd have to be real."

Wentz
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Who let the dogs out?

Speaking of "Jersey Shore," RedEye's almost reached its limit with the guidos and guidettes. Sounds like it's time for a Red Hot Doghouse, where you get to vote a celeb off this page for a week. Text "**dog**" followed by the number of your choice below to **87708**.

1. "Jersey Shore" cast
2. The Kardashians
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